

Tornadoes, lightning, floods, rip currents and early season heat - spring is three months of danger that can imperil the unprepared. It roars in like a lion, rampaging across the United States throughout March, April and May. You are not powerless in the face of extreme weather and water events. Learn about the hazards most common to spring - and some that are threats year-round - and what you can do about them.

Spring hazards include:

- Severe Weather/Tornadoes
- Floods
- Lightning
- Heat

Nobody knows the hazards of this dynamic season more than NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS). We ask that you get weather-ready for spring with just a few simple steps:

1. Know Your Risk

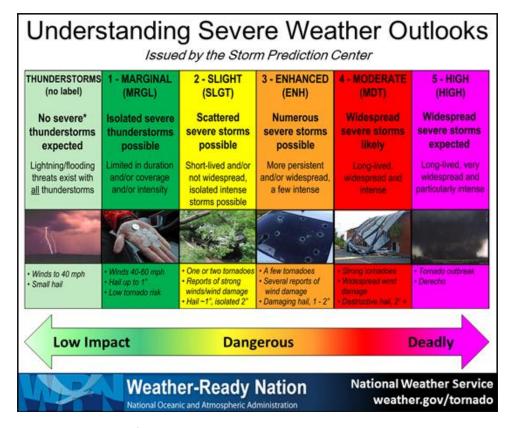
Check <u>weather.gov</u> every morning. It is a simple action that will ensure that you're ready for the day's weather. Don't leave home without knowing the forecast.

2. Take Action!

Assemble an emergency supplies kit with 72 hours' worth of food and water. In an emergency (such as after a tornado or some other hazard event), you may be stuck at home without electricity for three days or more. Make sure that you're prepared. Also, ensure that everyone in your life knows how to stay in touch with an emergency communication plan. This plan lists meeting places and alternate ways of communicating in case of emergency.

3. Be A Force of Nature

Inspire others by sharing your weather-ready story on social media with the hashtag **#SpringSafety**. It can be a simple as posting a photo of your emergency supplies kit or letting your friends know how to reach you during an emergency. Together, we can build a Weather-Ready Nation, one that is ready for any extreme weather, water, or climate event.



What are Hazards of Severe Weather?

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Tornadoes, large hail, strong winds, heavy rain, and lightning are all hazards associated with severe weather. Severe weather has been reported in all 50 states, so no matter where you are, make sure you are prepared! http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/

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Severe weather can occur anywhere. Wherever you are, be prepared! http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/#SpringSafety



Difference Between a Severe Thunderstorm Watch and Warning

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- A severe thunderstorm WATCH means BE PREPARED. A severe thunderstorm WARNING means TAKE ACTION.
- If there is a severe thunderstorm watch, stay informed and be ready to act, because severe thunderstorms are possible.
- If there is a severe thunderstorm warning, take shelter in a strong building, and get out of mobile homes that can blow over in high winds. Severe weather is occurring or will shortly.

 http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/ww.shtml





March 21-25, 2016

Statewide Iowa Tornado Drill on Wednesday Mar 23, 2016, 10 am!